107: Needs of the Tiruvalla taluk.

MR. KOSHY PALAKUNNATTU (*Nominated*) wished to express the felicitations of the House on the bestowal, by His Majesty the King Emperor, of the coveted distinction of the Crown of India on Her Highness the Maharani Regent.

Speaking on the needs of the Tiruvalla taluk, the member said that a sum of Rs. 60 has been sanctioned by Government for defraying the expenses connected with the preliminary investigations concerning the proposed bridge at Kozencherry. The actual work of construction had not been started. Thirteen important roads converged at the Kozhencherry *kadavu*. The ryots' roads, which were opened by the people of the taluk and handed over to the department, were 130 miles long and would cost, at a fair valuation, Rs. 10 lakhs. A bridge could be constructed at the *kadavu* at a cost of Rs. 3 lakhs. The necessary funds should be provided by Government in the budget for 1106.

The Pantalam—Manimala road passing through Aranmula, Maraman and Edakad market was nearly completed. The road would be useful to the public only after a bridge was constructed at Nalkalikal. A sum of Rs. 1,500 was sanctioned in 1104 for constructing a submersible bridge there. That amount was not utilised as there had been several petitions stating that what was wanted there was not a submersible bridge. A bridge should be constructed at the place and the road made fit for traffic as early as possible. The portion of the Aranmula-Kozencherry road between Aranmula and Parappuzha crossing was only two furlongs in length. It should be improved and converted into a cart road.

The ryots' road connecting Parappuzha *kadavu* and Pullad near the Kumbanad-Ranni road should be gravelled and improved and a culvert should be constructed on it at Erappam *todu*.

The road, two miles long, connecting the Kumbanad road with the Edakad market should be fully improved. The road between the Bastow road and the Manimala submersible bridge should also be completed, with a view to connecting the M. A. road with the Kottayam—Kumili road. It would reduce the distance between Pantalam and Kanjirapally from 53 miles to 29 miles.

The road passing through Tumpaman, Elantur, Pariyarom, Kozencherry, Maraman and Edakad market, which was formerly a a ryots' road, should be improved.

Urgent steps should be taken for the inauguration of the so-called "Women's Medical Service". A woman doctor and an additional compounder should be appointed in the Kozhencherry hospital. The hospital should be provided with a new building for being used as a dispensary for out-patients and for conducting surgical operations.

The depot from which the inhabitants of Kozencherry and the adjoining places purchased timber was situated nearly twenty miles away, namely, at Veeyapuram. Timber felled in the forests was taken to that depot through Kozencherry down the river. There was a forest

watch station at Kozhencherry where there was an annual demand for 1,000 candies of timber. A depot also should be opened there.

The two bridges, under construction, on the Maramon—Arattupuzha road should be completed soon and *junghar* services should be introduced at Arattupuzha *kadavu* and Parappuzha *kadavu*.

The Palakatchira road and the Kuriyannur—Maraman road should be converted into cart roads.

The Idichira and Palakatchira should be made useful to agriculturists.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Koshy Palakunnattu, I shall have great pleasure in conveying to Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent the Assembly's appreciation of the honour of the confernent of the title of the Imperial Order of the Crown of India on Her Highness.

You referred to the Kozhencherry bridge. Some previous speakers have also referred to that, and I have already replied to them.

In regard to the improvement of the Tumpaman-Pariyaram road, that has already been taken up for departmental maintenance. With regard to the other roads, your suggestions will be considered.

With regard to the Nalkalikal bridge, you yourself stated that it has been decided to have a submersible bridge there.

MEMBER: സബ്മെർസിബിൾ ബ്രിഡ്ജ് വേണമെന്ന ആലോചിച്ചിരുന്നു.

DEWAN. And you say that subsequently there had been several petitions praying that it should not be a submersible bridge. I will have that matter re-investigated.

As regards your request for further improvements to certain roads, I will order an investigation.

Your fifth point relates to the appointment of a lady doctor at Kozhencherry. I have already replied to that generally when I replied to other representations. As regards the compounder and waiting shed, the Administrative Board themselves are anxious to have these. A compounder will be sent there as early as possible, and a waiting shed will also be constructed.

As regards the timber depot, that is a matter for investigation; and I will ask the Conservator to investigate it.

As regards the Arattupuzha *junghar*, some previous speakers have referred to that and I have replied to them.

108. Needs of the Alleppey town.

MR. S. VEERAIAH REDDIYAR (*Ambalapuzha taluk, Group* II) said that a hospital for women and children should be opened at Alleppey. The need for establishing such an institution there had been urged at previous sessions of the Assembly.

One of the three pay-wards in the Alleppey hospital was used for the purpose of keeping the records of the institution. The records should be removed and the room used for the purpose for which it was